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## NATIONAL VOCATION SUMMIT

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**Title:** Registration Opens for the National Vocation Summit 2025

**What:** The 2025 National Vocation Summit

**Where:** The Legion of Christ College of Humanities, Cheshire, CT

**When:** Friday, March 14, 2025 through Sunday, March 15, 2025

**Details:** Registration Open at [NationalVocationSummit.org](http://NationalVocationSummit.org). Early bird pricing \$130 per person until December 15, 2024. Registration includes access to dynamic speakers, eight (8) meals and the opportunity to collaborate with other vocation directors from religious orders and diocesan representatives across the country.

The National Vocation Summit seeks to build a true vocation culture in any Christ centered community in the church, building leadership teams of committed Vocation Apostles. Over two and one half days leaders from across the country will gather in a spirit of prayer, listen to dynamic speakers, participate in active workshops and leave with the inspiration and practical tools needed to build a culture of vocations within their respective communities, parishes, schools, dioceses.

The theme for 2025 is "Casting a Wider Net" and features two dynamic keynote speakers who are proven culture changers, Stephen D. Minnis, President of Benedictine College and Dr. Andrew Lichenwalder, . The event will conclude on Sunday, March 16, 2025 with Mass presided by Bishop Beatencourp, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Hartford.

Keynote Speaker Bios:

#### **Stephen D Minnis, President of Benedictine College**

A native of St. Joseph, MO, Stephen D. Minnis graduated from Benedictine College in 1982. He obtained his Juris Doctorate degree from Washburn University in 1985 and Master of Business Administration degree in 1993 from Baker University. He served as an Assistant District Attorney and as General Attorney, Director, regulatory policy at Spirit Corporation before becoming President of Benedictine College in 2004. He was a contributing author to *Inside the Mind: Achieving Success as a CEO* (©2008 Thomson Reuters/Aspatore) and has given numerous talks on spirituality in the workplace and academic freedom to groups across America, including the Heritage Foundation, Legatus, and Catholic Charities. He was one of only five college presidents to be included on the Committee on Catholic Education *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* Working Group and he was invited by the Vatican to participate in the 2012 *Pontificia Comisión Para América* in Rome. In November of 2021, Caritas in Veritate (CiV) honored him as a



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distinguished leader in the international community and in the Church with the organization's Papal Award.

**Dr. Andrew W. Lichenwaldner, Director of the Office of Evangelization Archdiocese of Atlanta**

Andy is the Director of the Office of Evangelization and Discipleship in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. He serves on the Family Rosary board of Holy Cross Family Ministries, the board of Life-Giving Wounds, and the advisory committee for Newman Ministry. He was also a member of the advisory committee for Chesterton Academy of Atlanta. His faith was nurtured through family life and the love of his parents and siblings, with the support of Catholic schools, campus ministries, and parish life in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. After taking time in college (University of Georgia) to discern the Lord's call, Andy married his college sweetheart, earned an MA and PhD in theology (University of Dallas and The Catholic University of America, respectively), and worked for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for twelve years before returning home to Georgia. Andy and his wife are blessed with four living children, with three little ones entrusted to the Lord.

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